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four. We'd like to present them to the body here as a unit. If that becomes a problem, we can split it up. But the four we'd like to recommend are Jeffrey L. Elliott, appointed as Director of Finance Support by Governor Nelson, reappointed by Governor Johanns. Mr. Elliott has served in state government for over 20 years in various administrative positions in the Health and Human Services System, Department of Finance and Support, and the Department of Public Institutions as Deputy Director, and briefly acting as Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, and as Auditor of Public Accounts. So he has extensive experience in government. The next is Mr. Dick Nelson, appointed by Governor Nelson as Director of Regulation and Licensure of the Nebraska Health and Human Services System. Mr. Nelson is a 1964 graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Law, and practiced law in the city of Lincoln for almost 30 years. In his law practice, Mr. Nelson has specialized in the area of health care law. He also served in the United States Army as Minority Counsel to United States Senate subcommittees on constitutional rights and improvements in the judicial machinery. The third candidate, Dr. Richard Raymond, has been recommended by the Nebraska Medical Association, and appointed by Governor Johanns as the State Chief Medical Officer in the Nebraska Health and Human Services System. Dr. Raymond is a 1972 graduate of the University of Nebraska School of Medicine. He has served as an Associate Director and Patient Care Coordinator of the Clarkson Family Practice Residency Program, and as Medical Director of the Nebraska Health System Hospice Program. The fourth, Dr...or not doctor, but Mr. Ron Ross. Mr. Ross was appointed by Governor Johanns as Director of Health and Human Services, the largest of the three departments in the Nebraska Health and Human Services System. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Ross was president and cofounder of a consulting and management health care company that manages 24 facilities in Nebraska and in Kansas, the CEO and administrator of a rural hospital and skilled nursing facility and an accountant for a hospital in South Dakota. Each of these appointments appeared before the Health and Human Services Committee, and the committee unanimously recommends their confirmation. And I would move that they be confirmed by this body. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers.